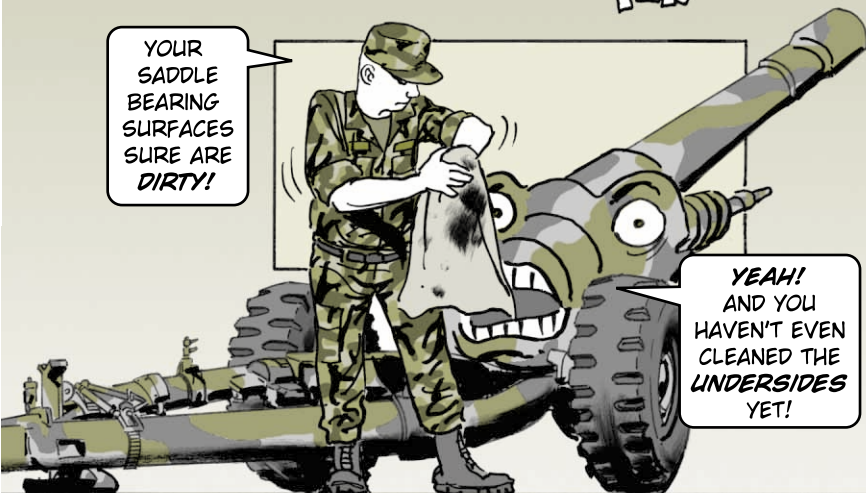


# CATCH IT ON THE *FLIP* SIDE



**L**ubing your howitzer's three saddle bearing surfaces is wasted effort if you don't clean them properly first, operators.

It's easy to remember to clean the top sides of the surfaces. They're in plain sight. It's the undersides of the saddle that are usually forgotten.

Dirt, sand and oil collect there, too. If you don't clean them off, this combination acts like sandpaper. Soon, those smooth metal surfaces are scratched, pitted and covered with corrosion. Your howitzer is NMC.

Use a clean cloth to wipe **all** of the surfaces. You'll have to get down on your hands and knees to make sure the underside is clean.



WHEN ALL THE GUNK IS *GONE*, COVER THE SURFACES—TOP AND BOTTOM—WITH A LIGHT COAT OF CLP.